

Public Utilities & Technology Interim Committee
Study Issue Survey Results - 2005

The top four items by total votes received in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place priority and absolute total number of votes are:

1. #162 - Energy Issues...
 2. #213 - Utility and Trade Regulatory Authority (GATS)
 3. # 161 - Energy Efficiency
 4. #160 - Energy Administration Change
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Please review the following items and prioritize with the number one (1) being your highest priority.

- _____ 159. Changes in Utility Regulation - to study eliminating the Committee of Consumer Services, folding Division of Public Utilities staff into the Public Service Commission, creating the Office of Ratepayer Advocate, and allowing intervenor reimbursement in rate cases (H.B. 320).
- _____ 160. Energy Administration Changes - to study the phase-out of the Utah Energy Office (2Sub. S.B.199), how its former responsibilities and funds are being managed and allocated, how the Petroleum Violations Escrow funds will be used, and review of a report from the Governor's Office, to be received by April 1, 2005, containing a detailed, written implementation report.
- _____ 161. Energy Efficiency - to study policies that promote energy economy and efficiency.

- _____ 162. Energy Issues - to study energy-related issues, including current state energy policy, utility affiliate relationships, transmission line access, and power line locations.
- _____ 163. Energy Supplies - to study energy supplies, reliability, and transmission line policies.
- _____ 164. Impact of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) - to study the impact of VOIP on telephone regulation by states, whether Utah classifies it as a telecommunication service subject to state regulation or as an information service not subject to state regulation, how the FCC and the federal courts treat the issue, what is needed to protect the public safety and health and to guard against consumer fraud, determine Public Service Commission regulatory authority in light of new federal laws, decisions, and technology.
- _____ 166. Municipal Utility Rates - to study the disclosure and enforcement of municipal utility rates.
- _____ 168. Utility Deregulation - to study the deregulation of utilities in Utah.
and the resulting new department regarding funding, personnel, rates, and programs (H.B. 109).
- _____ 213. Utility and Trade Regulatory Authority - to study state regulatory authority regarding the Utilities and General Agreements in Trades and Services Treaty being negotiated by the United States Trade Representative to the World Trade Organization (H.J.R. 15).